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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2010 (Paper No. 20100208). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on August 19, 2010. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.

Applicants unintentionally failed to file a response within the seven month response period (two months plus five months of extensions, which expired March 20, 2011). Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

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